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COVERT ANNEX
TO
STATUS REPORT OF TASK FORCE VIETNAM
(13 June to 26 June)

I. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. Counterinsurgency Programs

1. Citizens Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG's)

a. Fighting Fathers program in the Delta area now includes 1,831 persons trained and 1,185 armed. This does not include Father Hoa's "Sea Swallows."

b. There are 830 additional men of the Fighting Fathers group now being trained by the 77th Group as follows: Catholic refugee resettlement area at Cai San (WS 360230), 600 men; Father Day's parish at Hoa Thanh (WR 201109), 120 men; Father Tong's parish at Long Phu (WR 754664), 60 men; and Father Phuoc's parish at Rach Tranh (XR 382585), 50 men.

c. Among the Rhade tribesmen at Buon Eno, 1,802 villagers are now trained, 2,096 weapons have been issued, 77 villages are organized, 86 medics have been trained. Two platoons and one surete section have completed training, and a strike force of 101 Rhade is being trained. Over 4,000 Rhade await training. On 13 June, 26 low-level Viet Cong surrendered at Buon Eno.

d. At the Danang training camp of Hoa Cam, there are 1,355 men or women being trained as trailwatchers (499), airborne rangers (122), mountain commandos (393), Civic Action and Republican Youth cadres (626), and district volunteer cadre (105). Ten female mountain commandos are being given medical aid training.

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e. At the Thu Duc training camp, two 200-man airborne ranger companies, six teams of three to seven men each, who are to be sabotage specialists, are in training. A 100-man ranger company completed a six-week course. Also two 15-man operation teams for patrol and document collection completed training.

f. At the Soc Trong training camp there are in training a 400-man commando force, a 150-man strike force. Newly constructed barracks will house 720 trainees.

g. At the Song Mao training camp 353 men have completed training, 216 are in training and 200 weapons have been issued.

h. At the Phan Rang training base, camp and range facilities are being constructed.

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2. [REDACTED] GVN Intelligence and Security Services

a. The NPSS Special Operations Corps (formerly DIS) has been activated at Nha Trang. This unit will cover five provinces.

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b. [REDACTED] CIO operation located and penetrated a VC installation which housed a VC special zone committee for Saigon. However, ARVN after receiving information failed to move due to CO III Corps instructions because he doubted validity of information. CIO attempting reschedule a strike against the installation.

c. The ARVN Psywar Directorate initiated a domestic aerial leaflet campaign 22 June. Over 400,000 leaflets were dropped in SVN which were attributed to an independent front group seeking support of the peasantry against the VC.

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B. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] the new Director General of Information, Pham Van Tao, is tightening up information activities with the specific result that accurate casualty figures on the 19 June Ben Cat ambush were released. Pham Van Tao is also briefing the Vietnamese press on the propaganda line for the ICC report.

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II. SOUTH LAOS

Nothing to report.

III. NORTH VIETNAM

Nothing to report.

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